

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

LISTING OF CLAIMS:

1-10. (canceled)

11. (new) An electrostatic breakdown prevention apparatus between an electronic apparatus body of an electronic apparatus and an external apparatus connected to said electronic apparatus, comprising:

a first connector element having a connecting terminal connected to a signal line of said electronic apparatus body;

a second connector element having a connecting terminal connected to a signal line of said external apparatus;

an electrostatic breakdown preventing capacitor provided on said electronic apparatus body; and

a grounding line connected to said capacitor for grounding said capacitor; said grounding line being cut into a first grounding line portion extending from said capacitor to said first connector element and a second grounding line portion extending from said first connector element to the ground;

said first connector element including a movable member having a movable contact thereon and a biasing member for biasing said movable member to establish an electrical connection between

said first grounding line portion and said second grounding line portion through said movable member;

said second connector element including a pressing member provided thereon for moving said movable member against said biasing member;

said first and second connector elements being arranged to fit with each other, whereupon the connecting terminals thereof contact with each other to establish an electrical connection between the signal line of said electronic apparatus body and the signal line of said external apparatus and said pressing member moves said movable member against said biasing member to cut the electrical connection between said first and second grounding line portions through said movable member.